

THE PALATKA NEWS

and Advertiser.

SERIES VOL. XXIV. NO. 52.

PALATKA, FLA., FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

\$1.00 Per Year.

Evening Party.

Mamie Myers gave an enjoyable party Friday evening at her home. The guests were: Misses Florence Hodgson, Dorothy Merriam, Kathleen Hill, Irene Yelverton, Priscilla Louise Melton, Nellie Lucas, and Davis Venita Trombley. Also, Harold Richardson, Ralph Crom, Anderson, Billy Walker, Keller, Norman Curry, Mercer Billy Goethe, and Davis Lane.

Boating Party.

A merry party of young people enjoyed a ride down the river Wednesday evening in the "Etowah." Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Keller chaperoned the following party: Misses Dorothy Willard, Charlotte Hughes, Stella Browning and Dorothy Merriam. Messrs. Harry Keller, Tom and Noah Tilghman, Mercer Davis, and Bert Hodge.

Monday Night Club.

The members of the Monday Night Club gave a supper at the James' Cafe Friday evening. The menu was all that could be desired and the ladies who were present were: Mesdames J. E. Lucas and sister, Mrs. M. T. Haw of St. Louis, H. F. Leeks, M. R. Haile, Elizabeth Howe, W. P. Merriam, T. J. Barnett, Louis A. Smith, Frank Wattle and Miss Edith Kupperbush.

Dancing Party.

Miss Annabel Converse of Valdosta, Ga., was the honor guest at a dancing party given by Mrs. Hickman Collins Friday evening. Holiday cards were artistically arranged in the spacious parlors. Punch was served through the evening and the invited guests were: Misses Annabelle Converse, Jonita O'Haver, Josephine Steed, Mary Howard, Helen Cochran, Winnifred Haughton, Grizella Merrill and Messrs. Chas. Phillips, Albion Hutchinson, Roy Smith, Fred Cochran, Noah Tilghman, Will Walton, Jerome Bruce and Frank Fearnside. One novel feature of the party was the unusual manner of selecting partners for each dance. Waldorf salad, sandwiches and hot chocolate were served.

Cantrell's Good Work.

Agent Cantrell has just five fine pure blood, registered Jersey pigs in the county. These are gilts and were over to the Pig Club boys, and two are males—were purchased for some of our progressive farmers. Cantrell states that he has several orders to fill of this kind and that he is working hard to increase the hog industry of Putnam county to one breed—the Duroc.

PALATKA "AD" CLUB SUPPER TO-NIGHT

At Hotel James Will Discuss Palatka Boosting Measures.

President Fred. Cochrane of the Palatka "Ad" Club, with the assistance of members, has arranged for a meeting of the Palatka "Ad" Club at the Hotel James tonight, when after an oyster supper and through the circulating smoke of fragrant Havana's, the hustling business men of this city will listen to the talk of successful men from other growing cities and seek to imbibe somewhat of their zeal with the view of applying it to Palatka.

Among those expected to be present to address the club are such men as Wm. A. Thompson, director of advertising for the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, President Tutewiler of the Florida Association of Ad Clubs, Secretary R. B. Kessler and J. Harvey Whitney, publicity manager for Duval county.

Local business men will also discuss measures of benefit to Palatka. The meeting promises to be one of exceptional interest and it is hoped that the supper will be well attended. Tickets will be offered at 25 cents, admitting to the supper, and it is understood that business men here are generally buying them.

The State Association of Ad Clubs will meet in Daytona on the 17th inst. and efforts will be made tonight to secure representation by a number of Palatka boosters.

Library Association Thankful.

Palatka Library Association wishes to extend thanks to Mrs. George E. Welch for the entertainment recently given in her home for the benefit of the library; also to those who assisted in rendering the program which was so greatly enjoyed.—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Secretary.

The Woman's Club.

The social department of the Woman's Club entertained the members and their friends most delightfully last Friday afternoon at the Putnam House. Miss Josephine Steed gave an amusing reading, Mrs. E. P. Chamberlain rendered Codman's "At Dawning," and little Charlie Newton gave two beautiful classic dances to the music softly played by the Edison phonograph. Then the guests were given fifteen minutes in which to hunt for letters scattered around the rooms and then to form the word "time" out of them as many times as possible. For this feat, Mrs. H. M. de Montmollin was the successful contestant. Sandwiches and coffee were then served and a social hour enjoyed. The meeting this afternoon will be under the leadership of Mrs. J. Leonard Bart, with the subject, "Ruth—a Masterpiece."

For A New School House.

Fred Cochrane who has the appointment from the Palatka board of trade to look after the matter of a new high school building for this city, appeared before the Parent-Teachers' Association yesterday afternoon and made an appeal for co-operation. Mr. Cochrane carried with him for exhibition illustrations of many of the better class public school buildings that have been erected in Florida during the past few years, the least of which outclasses the Palatka high school as much as does Palatka's new postoffice outclass the city jail.

As head of the propaganda for a better school house, Mr. Cochrane has called a mass meeting of citizens at the Howell Theater for next Wednesday night, Jan. 17th. And he urges that every tax payer of the city appear and feel free to express his views on the matter. Mr. Cochrane is in this fight for a new school building to win and he is going to win.

The present high school building constitutes the one GREAT SHAME in Palatka.

Get Postoffice Positions.

Postmaster Harry Gray has made two appointments to positions in the postoffice this week. The appointees are Miss Miena E. Rodda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rodda of this city, and Mr. Frederick B. Green of Grandin.

Both appointments were earned through excellence in examinations before the Civil Service examiner at a recent examination held in this city, at which time there were many contestants.

It is said of Miss Rodda that she wrote out her examination papers rapidly and filed them with the examiner long before any of the others had gotten fairly to work. She passed a very high percentage, the highest ever recorded at any Civil Service examination for ladies held in this city. Miss Rodda has been assigned to the general delivery window and began work this week. She is a bright, charming young lady and for some time has held a clockshop in the Ten Cent store.

Fred Green also among the men applicants for places has the second highest percentage and has been assigned to the mail slot in the postoffice. He also began his new duties this week. Mr. Green is a well-known young man of Grandin and was for some time engaged in business there.

CHRISTIAN BECOMES ADJUTANT GENERAL

Of Florida By Appointment of Governor Catts.

According to private advices received by the Florida Times-Union, Gov. Catts on Wednesday appointed J. B. Christian of Tallahassee to be adjutant general of Florida to succeed Gen. J. Clifford R. Foster of St. Augustine, who has held the office since 1901, and who was the democratic nominee for the office in the late primary.

The new appointee, Mr. J. B. Christian, has lived in Tallahassee some four or five years and is a watchmaker and jeweler. He formerly lived in Alabama, and it is reported that he was a classmate of Gov. Catts in that State. Whether or not Mr. Christian has had military training is not known, certainly it was not in Florida, if at all. If he has had no military training in this State, it is very doubtful if he is eligible to the office. The general statutes of Florida provide (Sec. 672) that—

"No person shall be appointed as chief officer of any staff, corps, or department who has not held commission in the army or navy of the United States, the Confederate States, or in the organized militia of this State for at least two years."

But in the absence of specific information concerning Mr. Christian, it is well to defer to Gov. Catts, who has more light on the subject. If he is eligible the appointment will stick, if not, he'll be pried loose.

The News cannot accept the doctrine held by the majority of the State papers, that Gov. Catts was in duty bound to reappoint Gen. Foster. True, the general was the democratic nominee, but by action of the State Canvassing Board and the official action of the State Democratic Executive Committee, the latter representing organized democracy in this State, Mr. Catts was not the democratic nominee; he was an independent candidate and as such was elected governor of Florida. True, he was elected largely by democratic voters, but that fact did not make him the democratic candidate, nor did it make him amenable to party law or precedent.

Gen. Foster, as we have said, is a democrat, and as such he had no claim to the office. Neither had he any reason to expect reappointment at the hands of Gov. Catts.

Neither thing: The office of Adjutant General is strictly an appointive office and one that is in the hands of the Governor; as the Governor is alone responsible for his administration, he had the right to exercise his best judgment in making this appointment.

Mrs. Keller Entertains.

Mrs. Norman W. Keller gave a most delightful dancing party Monday night at her Riverside home in honor of Mr. Ignatius A. Scannell of New York. The evening was spent in music and dancing. The hostess served sandwiches and hot chocolate. The guests were: Misses Helen Rader, Josephine Steed, Helen Cochran, Jonita O'Haver, Ellen Merryday, Annabel Converse, Mamie Goethe, Dorothy Merriam, Stella Browning, Watson and Hughes of Columbia, Tenn. Messrs. Ignatius Scannell, Bert Hodge, Will Walton, Harold Merryday, Charles Anderson, Ralph Tavel, Roy Smith, Noah Tilghman, Jack Reese, Mercer Davis, Wallace Griggs, Kelley Reynolds and Harry Keller.

Have Applied for Loans.

The East Putnam Farm Loan Association held a meeting at East Palatka last Tuesday when a number of additional members were received. This association is made up of members living at East Palatka, Orange Mills and other points adjacent, and can include those living at San Mateo and Crescent City, though it does not interfere with the people of those places forming their own association. At the meeting on Tuesday it was shown that members had already made application for loans aggregating \$70,000. Mr. A. M. Probst, the temporary secretary and treasurer of the association is the man to apply for information concerning requirements for loans, and any one living on the east side of the river is eligible to membership in this association.

Reception for Dr. Crittenton.

The reception given at the Putnam House Wednesday evening by the parish of St. Mark's church in honor of their new rector, Rev. Dr. C. R. D. Crittenton, Mrs. Crittenton and their interesting family, was a most delightful event in the social annals of Palatka. During the evening hours uninvited many friends from all denominations called to meet and welcome this most charming family who by their genuine friendliness, have won many admirers to them, even in their short residence in Palatka. There was a delightful musical program rendered by Mrs. D. J. Cochran, Miss Alice Hutchinson, Mrs. J. E. Lucas at the piano and vocal solos by Mrs. E. C. Chaschulohn and Miss Edith. There was an air of cordiality and pleasantness that the guests seemed both to learn, at the evening's close. The coming ladies of the new rector's family, Mrs. Crittenton, Mrs. Nellie Lucas, presided over the registry book.

DAIRY TRAIN HERE ON JANUARY 17

Georgia Southern and Florida Railway To Give Live Stock Demonstration

The Georgia Southern and Florida railway has just completed arrangements for the operation of a dairy instruction and live stock train over its lines and will give a demonstration in Palatka Jan. 17.

This train will be for the purpose of encouraging farmers to take up live stock raising and dairying and to practice diversification and improved methods of growing cotton so as to be prepared for the boll weevil. The tour will embrace twenty-six stops, and an entire day will be spent at each point with lectures and demonstrations in the morning and afternoon. The itinerary in Florida will be as follows:

January 8th, Jennings, 9th, Jasper; 10th, White Springs; 11th, Lake City; 12th, Lake Butler; 13th, Hampton; 15th, Brooklyn; 16th, Florham; 17th, Palatka.

The cars will be in charge of agricultural experts, representing the Georgia Southern and Florida, the state agricultural departments and the state colleges of agriculture of Georgia and Florida. The dairy car is fitted up like a complete farm dairy, and demonstrations will be conducted showing proper methods of handling milk and butter and of preparing the product for market. Milk samples will be tested and advice given on any problem confronting the farmer or dairyman who is interested.

After Forty-two Years.

A gentleman with the appearance of a tourist, while being shaved in a local barber shop yesterday, stated that he was in Palatka for the purpose of meeting his sister. He said he hadn't seen her for over forty-two years, but by appointment was to meet her in Palatka on Friday. Now that should be a real family rejoicing affair with smiles and a good visit.

Palatkans Honored.

Gov. Catts has been handing out his first honors to his old campaign friends and in the list The News is pleased to see that he has not forgotten his Palatka workers. The governor had the naming of a large number of delegates to the Pan-American exposition to be held in New York February 8th to 16th, and he named the following:

B. H. Beverly, Tallahassee; J. M. Monroe, Quincy; Tom Wattle, Chipley; J. McLaughlin, Benifay; R. E. L. McCaskill, DeFuniak; J. E. Fenton, Crestview; T. A. Jennings, Pensacola; Lieutenant in command, Capt. Penicola; George M. Powell, Jacksonville; Edward M. Earnest, Palatka; J. B. Austin, Palatka; Sam Elrod, Green Cove Springs; O. H. Miller, Sanford; C. T. Frecker, Tampa; Joe Ewing, West Palm Beach; J. Gibbons, Tampa; W. H. Cox, Brooksville; J. P. Weeks, Enfield; J. E. Alexander, DeLand; Isaac A. Stewart, DeLand; J. Hamrick, Monticello; L. D. Hedges, Lake City; J. J. Pettis, Greenville; F. Y. Smith, Alachua.

Blind Tiger Caught.

Sheriff Hagan and his deputy, J. J. Fennel, are making good Mr. Hagan's pre-election promise to go after the blind tigers and put an end as far as possible to the illicit sale of booze in Putnam county. This week they have had three on the carpet.

W. M. Murry is an old offender; he is a one-legged, or rather, a peg-legged rascal who runs a small restaurant at the corner of Madison and Sixth streets. He sold booze; has been selling it right along; has been before the city courts for the same offense; he was found guilty before Judge Calhoun and sentenced to six months in the county convict brigade.

But here is a sure-enough blind tiger—Henry Russell of East Palatka is blind; his partner, Archie Oliver, is a consumptive. They were caught on Saturday night and both pleaded guilty before Judge Calhoun, who sentenced them to six months, but suspended sentence on request of Sheriff Hagan, provided they left the county. They promised to get out. Sheriff Hagan said he couldn't work a blind man on the road, and didn't want a consumptive in the camp to spread contagion among the other convicts, men who had been guilty of misdemeanors and who were getting punishment enough without contracting consumption.

St. Mark's Church.

Ven. C. R. D. Crittenton, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church announces the following service for next Sunday—the second Sunday after the Epiphany—9:45 a. m., Sunday school and Bible class with short instruction by the rector; 11 a. m., Morning service and sermon; 7:30 p. m., Evening service and sermon. All seats free; guests are welcome; come and bring your own.

Dancing class will resume lessons Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Athletic Club House. All the latest ball room and fancy dances taught. Adv.

ARMY'S CASTE SYSTEM VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED

By Major Harlee Before a Senate Sub-Committee.

Major William C. Harlee of the United States Marine Corps, and vice president of the National Rifle Association of America appeared before the Senate sub-committee holding hearings on compulsory military training in Washington on Monday, and introduced a new element in the controversy over compulsory military training by declaring flat that it was quite unnecessary to scrap the volunteer system, inasmuch as it could easily be modified to bring it more closely in touch with American traditions. He said in part:

"I have no patience with those preparedness advocates who insist the voluntary system has broken down. What has broken down is not the volunteer system, but certain out-of-date and antiquated features of our army establishment."

"My contact with civilians, whom I met by the thousand in the rifle association work and elsewhere, has convinced me that Americans have the fighting tradition and will gladly train themselves for national defense, if they can do it under self-respecting conditions. Rightly or wrongly, they believe that they cannot do it with self-respect and join the regular army. The thing to do is not to scrap the volunteer system and introduce a compulsory system which is alien to our traditions. The thing to do is to overhaul our defense establishment and scrap those features of it which Americans have learned to resent."

"The chief feature they have learned to resent is the caste system, which still prevails in our military establishment. There is no use denying the fact it is there, not only as a social fact, but buttressed by law, as well. The caste system, for example, dictates that the enlisted man, who stays in the lower ranks until he has passed the age of 27, is doomed to remain in it. He is forbidden by law to associate with his superiors, no matter how brave and skillful he may be. He cannot by a life of effort approach the inexperienced youngster appointed to a commission. The relationship between officers and men is made thoroughly artificial and un-American. It ought to be abolished."

"Our present military institution, with its two caste's transplanted from England and patterned, also, after the armies of Prussia before the days of the French revolution, does not fit this country. That is the whole trouble. If we used in our military establishment, the courage and initiative, which we use in our industrial progress, we would eliminate the features of our military establishment which American citizens do not like, and we would speedily have all the trained men that we need."

Major Harlee is a native of Manatee county, Florida, and is well-known in the State, especially in Jacksonville. At the national and state rifle matches at the State Camp Major Harlee served as assistant executive officer, and is regarded as one of the country's leading authorities on small arms practice.

Death of G. Johnson Tucker.

The News of last week called attention to the serious illness of Mr. G. Johnson Tucker, one of the most prominent citizens of the Fruitland peninsula and a resident of Georgetown. The paper had scarcely reached the homes of its subscribers in that section before it became known throughout the peninsula that Mr. Tucker was dead.

His death occurred a little after noon on Friday the 5th inst. The funeral service was held at the Fruitland Methodist church, of which Mr. Tucker had been a life-long member, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and was attended by nearly, if not quite, all the people from Georgetown, Fruitland, Ft. Gates with others from Crescent City and other points on the peninsula. The service was conducted in a most impressive manner by Rev. A. Clark Selby, pastor of the Methodist church at Crescent City, and whose sermon carried a message of comfort to the bereaved members of the family. The interment followed in the Fruitland cemetery, where the body was laid away in the family lot.

Possibly the death of no man would have carried with it a more general sorrow than has followed the passing of this good man. If he had an enemy in the entire section he is not known. His life was that of a sincere Christian gentleman and he was honored in the friendship of all his neighbors as they now mourn his death.

Mr. Tucker is survived by his wife and three little girls; also by his father, Mr. George J. Tucker of Fruitland, two brothers, Mr. Marion M. Tucker of Jacksonville, and Colin Tucker of Georgetown, at present in Duval county, and three sisters, all living in Duval county. One sister, Mrs. Philip Jennings of Miami, and one brother, Mr. Marion M. Tucker of Jacksonville, were present at the funeral.

Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones. Mr. Tucker was born on the old Tucker place at Fruitland and had lived practically all of his life in that locality.

From \$6,000
To \$100
**THE NEW
EDISON**
The Perfect Musical Instrument

You can easily own one. Come in and hear the art of such great artists as Marie Rappold, Christine Miller, Alice Verlet, Marie Kaiser, Anna Case, Thomas Chalmers, Albert Spalding and many other famous stars.

The best is none too good for YOU We carry only the best in all lines.

**Palatka
Stationery Company**
(COCHRANE BROS., Proprietors)
The Store of Quality, Price
and Service.
Phone 333. Opp. New Post Office

The Burglar Does Not Warn
people when he is coming—but every burglary is a warning that your home may be entered and your valuables carried away.
To be on the safe side, is to rent a SAFE DEPOSIT BOX in our Fire and Burglar Proof Vault—the cost is
\$3.00 AND UP PER YEAR.
PUTNAM NATIONAL BANK
PALATKA, FLORIDA